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From:

Sent: Friday, July 16, 1999 8:43 AM

To:

Subject: Fw: Our food supply is being exposed to radiation--We need your help! - IMPORTANT TO DO

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PLEASE try to do this today as we need to have this bill stopped. I know I sent this before, just wanted to remind you in case you have not done this.
Peace and love

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>You'll be angry when you read this . . .

>Sorry.

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>Date: Wednesday, July 14, 1999 8:04 AM

>Subject: FW: Our food supply is being exposed to radiation--We need your help!

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>Give them feedback; fax No. and e-mail address at end.

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>From: Whitman News Brief [mailto:whitmannewsbrief@healthkeepers.net]

>Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 1999 2:53 PM

>To: Whitman News Brief

>Subject: Our food supply is being exposed to radiation--We need your help!

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>ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT EATING FOODS EXPOSED TO RADIATION?

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>On July 19, 1999, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will stop accepting

>comments from consumers and public interest groups on the agency's advanced

>notice of proposed rulemaking to revise federal requirements for labeling

>foods exposed to radiation. The radiation is produced from cobalt -60 and

>electron beam gun sources (64 Fr, No.31, pp. 7834-7837, February 17, 1999).

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>IF WE DO NOT ACT BY JULY 19TH, THEN THESE IRRADIATED FOODS MAY BE SOLD

>WITHOUT ANY INFORMATIONAL LABELS. Currently, foods that are exposed to

>radiation are required by FDA regulations to be labeled with a "Radura"

>symbol, which is the international logo for foods that have been exposed to

>radiation. In addition, either the phrase "treated with radiation" or

>"treated by irradiation" must appear on the labels of all radiation treated

>foods. These foods include beef, pork and poultry, along with the packaging

>of fruits, vegetables, packaged foods and soups, herbs and spices.
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>It has been decided for the American consumer, by government agencies, food
>processing and packaging industries that exposing the American food supply
>to radiation is an acceptable risk, even though no large scale human
feeding
>studies with radiated foods have been conducted. American consumers will
be
>paying more money for irradiated foods and receiving less wholesome food
>while the large food packagers and processing companies, along with the
>nuclear industry will reap higher profits from the sales of the more
>expensive, sterilized, irradiated food.
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>If those of us who are concerned about our health and the health of our
>families do not act now, we are moving one step closer to being fed
>enzymeless irradiated foods which may cause serious health problems. We
want
>truth in labeling!
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>Consumers want more information about the foods that they purchase. More
>than 75% of consumers polled by CBS News in a national poll in August 1997,
>did not want to eat foods treated by radiation. A majority of American
>consumers want to eat wholesome, nutritious foods. They do not want to eat
>foods that may have radiation-induced changes to the foods enzymes and
>nutrients. Consumers are concerned about the impact of high intensity
gamma
>radiation on the activity of key enzymes and the depletion of
>radiation-sensitive essential nutrients such as: the amino acids
l-cysteine,
>l-histidine, and l-tryptophan. Other nutrients such as vitamins B1, B 2,
>B3, B6, B12, folic acid, vitamin C, vitamin E, and vitamin K; the omega-3,
>omega-6 and omega-9 unsaturated, essential fatty acids will be affected.
>Plus the effect upon antioxidants has not been established. .
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>The radiation crowd knows they cannot sell their "radurized", sterile foods
>to informed, health conscious consumers. Their current ploy is to solve
>their marketing dilemma by removing the existing labeling requirement and
>effectively overturning thirty-five (35) years of progress in consumer
>right-to-know and truth in labeling legislation. This legislation and the
>FDA's food labeling policies and regulations have produced substantial
>advances in the health, longevity and vitality of Americans. This progress
>in improving the public's health has been achieved by more informative
>nutrition labeling which has lead to healthier choices by consumers. With
>its pending proposed rulemaking, the FDA is acting to remove or alter the
>existing regulations requiring truthful labeling of foods exposed to
>radiation.
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>Consumers and everyone else concerned about the issue needs to act before
>JULY 19th to protect our constitutional right to know whether the foods we
>purchase is exposed to radiation from cobalt-60 or electron beam gun
>sources. To voice your opposition to the FDA about their "back to the
>future" proposal to eliminate labeling of foods exposed to radiation,
PLEASE
>fax your comments to the FDA, ATTENTION: Docket No. 98N-1038 at (301)

>827-6870, or e-mail your comments to Jbutler1@bangate.fda.gov ATTENTION:

>Docket No. 98N-1038.

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>Thank-you.

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